

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this cooperative research project is to...

APPROACH:

(Describe plans for achieving goals/objectives of the research project.)

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTEREST:

(Identify independent and mutual interest in the project.)

Both parties are actively engaged in independent research projects which...
(relate to the project title). The parties agree that meeting the objectives of this project will strengthen and enhance ongoing research within the scope of this Agreement.

THE COOPERATOR AGREES TO:

1. Work closely with ARS in planning and conducting the research outlined below.
2. Conduct at Cooperator facilities and elsewhere as appropriate, research directed toward... ***(define what the project is)***. Activities include:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - etc.

(Outline specific duties and responsibilities necessary for successful completion of the project objective(s).)

ARS AGREES TO:

1. Work closely with the Cooperator in planning and conducting the research outlined above.
2. Conduct research on the following aspects of the project:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - etc.

(Outline specific duties and responsibilities necessary for successful completion of the project objective(s).)

MUTUAL AGREEMENTS:

1. The details of the cooperative work shall be planned and executed jointly by the Cooperator and ARS. Outlines covering working plans and methods of procedure shall be prepared jointly subject to revision by joint action as work progress requires. Copies of these plans, as required, will be filed with the Cooperator and ARS.
2. A complete report of the results of the research and experimental work shall be submitted each year by the individual or individuals in direct charge of the cooperative work; one copy to be furnished to the Cooperator and one copy to ARS. A final report must be submitted within 90 days of project completion.
3. Patent and Inventions:
 - a. "Subject Inventions" shall mean any invention conceived or first reduced to practice under this Agreement, and which is patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the United States Code, under Section 2321 of Title 7 of the United States Code, et seq., or under the patent laws of a foreign country.
 - b. Each party shall promptly make written disclosure to each other of each Subject Invention, said information shall be treated in confidence by the receiving party until such time that a patent is applied for by the other party.
 - c. Each party shall provide, when requested by the other, all information in its possession pertaining to a subject invention which may be necessary or useful in the preparation, filing, and prosecution of patent applications covering the Subject Invention.
 - d. Publications and/or oral disclosure of Subject Inventions shall be delayed in order to preserve the United States and/or foreign patent rights, PROVIDED said patent protection shall be promptly and diligently sought.
 - e. All rights, title, and interest in any Subject Invention made solely by employee(s) of ARS shall be owned by ARS.
 - f. All rights, title, and interest in any Subject Invention made solely by at least (1) employee of ARS and at least one (1) employee of the Cooperator shall be jointly owned by ARS and the Cooperator.
 - g. All rights, title, and interest in any Subject Invention made solely by employees of the Cooperator shall be owned by the Cooperator.

4. Publication and/or other disclosure of the results of this Agreement shall be delayed as necessary to preserve both United States of America and foreign patent rights in a Subject Invention.
 - (a) Such a delay will only be granted if requested in writing; and
 - (b) The requesting party demonstrates promptness and diligence in seeking patent protection on the Subject Invention.
5. Either party shall be free to furnish such equipment as may be needed. Equipment provided by the Federal Government shall remain the property of the Federal Government, subject to its removal or other disposition at any time. Equipment provided by the Cooperator shall remain the property of the Cooperator, subject to its removal or other disposition at any time.
6. This Agreement is to define in general terms the basis for which the parties concerned will cooperate and does not constitute a basis for financial obligations or expenditures. Each party will handle and expend its own funds. Any and all expenditures from Federal funds made in conformity with the plans outlined in this cooperative Agreement must be according to Department and ARS rules and regulations and, in each instance based upon appropriate fiscal documents, such as lease, contract, purchase order, letter of authorization, etc.
7. The responsibilities assumed by the cooperating parties are contingent upon funds being available from which the expenditures may be legally made.
8. This Agreement may be modified or discontinued at the request of either party. Requests for termination or any change shall be submitted to the other party for consideration not less than 60 days prior to the desired effective date of the change or termination.
9. Copies of all correspondence and documentation regarding this Agreement shall be sent by the originating party to the Authorized Departmental Officer.